

REMARKS:

Examiner Lorengo is thanked for the courtesy of an interview on August 31, 2004, at which time EP 0 816 122 was discussed. Claim 37 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention, and as discussed during the interview. The Examiner agreed that claim 37, as amended herein, defined over the art of record. Specifically, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest a semi-finished wood composite structure comprising a wood composite substrate having one or more die-cut foil pieces uniformly coating at least one portion of the surface of the wood composite, wherein the die-cut foil pieces comprise a removable carrier film with a transferable film thereon, and an overlaying foil uniformly coating the surface of the wood composite as well as the die-cut foil pieces, wherein the overlaying foil comprises a removable carrier film with a transferable film thereon.

Claims 38-48 all depend from amended claim 37. Therefore, Applicants assert that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit same. It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

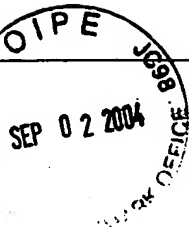


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Interview Summary

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Application No.

10/624,496

Applicant(s)

LUETGERT ET AL.

Examiner

Jerry A. Lorengo

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jerry A. Lorengo.

(3) _____.

(2) Mr. Schrot.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 31 August 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 37.

Identification of prior art discussed: EP 0816122A2 to Misumi et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant and the Examiner discussed proposed limitations to claim 37 which appear to differentiate the instant invention over the prior art to Misumi et al. Specifically, the applicant proposed defining both the decal sheets and the overlaying foil as comprising a transferable coating on a removable carrier sheet. The examiner also suggested further defining the invention to disclose that the overlaying foil is disposed over both the decal coated and uncoated sections of the wood composite. The Applicant agreed that this limitation might be acceptable upon client consent. The examiner also indicated that any claim amendments would be evaluated in light of a further search and consideration of the prior art. .